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**Title:** SEMICONDUCTOR THIN FILM, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND  
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date  
under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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**Enclosures:**

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The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on February 19, 1997 at 8571/0812.

This application is a continuation (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120) of U.S. application serial no. 09/571,500, filed May 15, 2000, which is a divisional of U.S. application serial no. 08/802,276, filed February 19, 1997. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Under 35 USC 119, this application claims the benefit of Japanese applications serial no. 8-61897 and 8-61898, both filed February 23, 1996.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT:

In the specification, page 1, before line 1, please insert:

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This application presents 54 claims, 6 of which are independent.

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